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## DIVISION OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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### **COVID-19 QVA GUIDANCE FOR CONGREGATE SETTINGS UPDATE**

Target Audience - Qualified Vendors and Providers

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to update their guidance related to COVID-19. On [Tuesday, November 29, 2022](#), the CDC updated its guidance related to “Facilities that serve unrelated people who live in close proximity and share at least one common room”, which includes group homes and developmental homes. The major change in this updated guidance is that facilities should apply prevention strategies based on the [COVID-19 Community Level](#) in the county where they are located.

The COVID-19 Community Level guidance offers direction for mitigation strategies at all transmission levels, additional strategies for counties experiencing medium or high transmission levels, and additional strategies for counties experiencing high transmission levels. In order to ensure Qualified Vendors and Providers who are supporting members in Group Homes or Developmental Homes have the most current information, the Division is rescinding its [COVID-19 QVA Guidance for Congregate Settings and Direct Care Workers](#) document with the exception of [Appendix 4: Supporting Members Living In Residential Settings Who Have Confirmed Cases of COVID-19](#). This guidance will now be standalone guidance specific to the topic. Effective December 2, 2022, Qualified Vendors and Providers should follow the [CDC online guidance](#).